

Application No. 10/510,293
Docket No. 77191.21900
Customer No. 30734

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has received and carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed September 24, 2008. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action.

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). Specifically, the Office Action noted some claimed features which were requested to be further illustrated in the drawings including the first intermediate conveyor being extensible, the structure of the wheel from claim 23, the means for pivoting as per claim 28 and the connection of the tarmac level conveying means being connected to the aircraft. In response, rather than submitting new drawings, the claims have been amended, and thus it is believed that the objection to the drawings has been rendered moot. For example, claims 1 and 21 has been amended to delete the language relating to the conveyor being modifiable in length, claims 23 and 28 have been cancelled. In addition, claims 1 and 21 have been amended to remove the language relating to "connected to" the cargo hold and this has been replaced with "adapted to reach into" the cargo hold.

Based on the notation in the Office Action that the feature should be illustrated or "cancelled from the claim(s)", it is believed that this action is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The pending claims were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as not enabling how the conveyor is extendable, or how the conveyor connects to the aircraft. It is believed this rejection has been rendered moot by the removal from the claims of the language relating to the conveyor being extendable, and by the removal of the language relating to the conveyor connecting to the aircraft.

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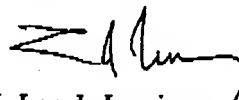
It is noted that no prior art rejections were made in the Office Action. Accordingly, since it is believed that the objection and rejection have been rendered moot by the present amendment, reconsideration and allowance of the application is believed in order and such actions are earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that all the objections and rejections to the claims be removed and that the claims pass to allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call Applicant's undersigned representative at 202-861-1683 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding before issuing another action. Applicant's undersigned representative is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036 with reference to our Docket No. 77191.21900.

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